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1. IRAN
- OFFICE USE: 2. 507 3. 4.01
5. AIR TAXI COMPANY
6. MEHR-ABAD AIRPORT, TEHRAN, IRAN
7. TEHRAN
8. CONTACT: MR. ANOUSHIRAVEN JAHANBANI
9. TITLE: MANAGING DIRECTOR
- OTHER OFFICIALS ARE: KAMBIZ DADSETAN, AND IRAJ MOBASHER
10. PHONE: 645111, 661967, 640257 11. TELEX: 212575-ATXI IR
12. CABLE: AIRTAXI, TEHRAN
13. ESTABL: 1958 14. EMPL: 380 15. SIZE: LARGE
16. REPUTATION: (Y) GOOD 17. RPT DATE: 5/78
- OFFICE USE: 18. NA 19. NA 20. NA
21. NA 22. NA
- 23A. 45820/78 AIR CRAFT SERVICING AND REPAIRING
- 23B. 37210/1235 AIRCRAFTS AND RELATED PARTS
- 23C. 73930/8 AIRLINE RENTAL
24. FOREIGN SALES: LOCAL ONLY
25. FINANCIAL REFS: BANK MELLI IRAN
26. TRADE REFS: SAME AS (27)

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27. FOREIGN FIRMS REPRESENTED: AVCO LYCOMING DIVISION,
WILLIAMSPORT, PA., ENGINES (PISTONS) AND SPARE PARTS, 1960;
AVCO LYCOMING DIVISION, STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT, GAS TURBINE
AND SPARE PARTS, 1968; AERO COMMANDER DIVISION, BETHANY,
OKLAHOMA, AIRCRAFTS, 1961; REA INTERNATIONAL CORP., NEW YORK,
N.Y. TRANSCEIVERS, 1967; AIR RESEARCH MFG. CO., PHOENIX, ARIZONA,
AIRCRAFT ENGINES AND SPARES, 1968. AIRCRAFT RADIO CORP. BOONTON,

NEW JERSEY, AVIATION COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT, 1969; GOOD YEAR INTERNATIONAL CORP., AKRON, OHIO, AVIATION TIRES AND TUBES, 1968; CHAMPION SPARK PLUGS, TOLEDO OHIO, AVIATION SPARK PLUGS, 1962.

28. POST EVALUATION: AIR TAXI COMPANY IS ENGAGED IN SERVICING AND REPAIRING SMALL AIR PLANES. IT HAS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH VARIOUS IRANIAN ORGANIZATIONS FOR SERVICING AND REPAIRING SOME 70 PLANES. IN ADDITION, AIR TAXI COMPANY OWNS 3, TWO-ENGINE AERO COMMANDERS, PROVIDING SHORT, NON-SCHEDULED AND CHARTERED FLIGHTS WITHIN IRAN. THE FIRM ALSO EXCLUSIVELY REPRESENTS SEVERAL FOREIGN SUPPLIERS OF AIRCRAFTS AND RELATED PARTS, AND IMPORTS BOTH FOR ITS OWN ACCOUNT AND ON A COMMISSION BASIS. FIRM UNDER REPORT IS OWNED AND MANAGED BY KAMBIZ DADSETAN, ANOSHIRVAN JAHANBANI, IRAJ MOBASHER AND AMIR-HOSSEIN AZAM-ZANGENEH, IRANIANS. ITS REGISTERED CAPITAL IS 50 MILLION RIALS, WHILE AS BANKING SOURCE REPORTS THAT ITS ACTUAL WORKING CAPITAL EXCEEDS THIS FIGURE, AND THAT IT ENJOYS GOOD BUSINESS REPUTATION. P.E. FIRM HAS GOOD BUSINESS REPUTATION IN IRAN AND IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED AS AN EFFECTIVE TRADE CONTACT.

NOTE: AIR TAXI RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE PUBLICITY IN THE U.S. IN LATE 1977 IN CONNECTION WITH A 1973 HELICOPTER CONTRACT AWARDED TO BELL HELICOPTER BY THE IRANIAN AIR FORCE. A FOUNDER OF THE IRANIAN FIRM

WAS AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL MOHAMMED KHATAMI (SINCE DECEASED), WHO REPORTEDLY LEFT THE FIRM IN 1965. AIR TAXI EARNED A SUBSTANTIAL COMMISSION FROM THIS CONTRACT.

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